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SUBJECT: ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG)- NEXT MEETING

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH ECMIN AUG 31, FOREIGN MINISTRY  
ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO REFERRED TO HIS CONVERSA-  
TION ON EWG WITH EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOSWORTH  
IN WASHINGTON IN LATE JULY. MIGLIUOLO ASKED THAT WE  
PASS ON HIS PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS FOR NEXT MEETING OF  
EWG, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN SCHEDULED  
FOR LATTER HALF OF OCTOBER IN WASHINGTON.

2. FOLLOWING AGENDA SUGGESTED:

(A) WORLD ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. MIGLIUOLO BELIEVES  
DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL AND WOULD  
ALSO BE IN LINE WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT  
TO PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI THAT U.S. WOULD KEEP GOI  
APPRISED OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS.

(B) URANIUM. ACCORDING TO MIGLIUOLO, GOI  
WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATING  
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TO URANIUM, E.G. IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT AUSTRALIAN  
ACTION. IN ADDITION, GOI CONTINUES TO BE VERY  
INTERESTED IN WHATEVER ASSISTANCE U.S. CAN GIVE ("BEST  
EFFORTS" OR OTHER) IN OBTAINING ASSURED SOURCES OF  
NATURAL URANIUM. FINALLY, GOI CONTINUES ITS INTERST  
IN PARTICIPATING IN, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM OBSERVING,  
NATURAL URANIUM RESOURCES EVALUATION

(NURE) PROGRAM.

(C) TECHNOLOGY. MIGLIUOLO ASSERTED THAT FOR INTERNAL BUREAUCRATIC/POLITICAL REASONS, HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PRESS U.S. ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, PARTICULARLY IN ENRICHMENT AND PROCESSING. HOWEVER, HE IS FULLY AWARE OF CONSTRAINTS ON U.S. SIDE AND HE WELCOMES SUGGESTION THAT FOCUS OF DISCUSSION BE SHIFTED TO ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY.

(D) FINANCING. MIGLIUOLO REFERRED TO AGREEMENT DURING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND EXIMBANK CHAIRMAN MOORE THAT ITALY WILL SEND TECHNICAL TEAM TO WASHINGTON FOR MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH EXIMBANK. MIGLIUOLO'S IDEA IS THAT TEAMS VISIT WOULD BE CONSIDERED PART OF EWG MEETING, ALTHOUGH ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH EXIMBANK WOULD BE HELD SEPARATELY FROM EWG EXCEPT PERHAPS FOR BRIEF MENTION OF ISSUE IN PLENARY SESSION.

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